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MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE Twenty-seventh County Council OF THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

TUESDAY, 25th day of January, 1st day of the first
regular Session of the Twenty-seventh County Council.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Twenty-seventh County Council of the Corporation of the County of Norfolk, met for the despatch of business.

The members elected to represent the interests of the Minor Municipalities were called to order by the Clerk of the County Council, who proceeded to call the roll of the Municipalities in alphabetical order, examining the credentials of the Members for the same as they occurred, in the following order, viz :

<i>Municipalities</i>	<i>Names of Members</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Certified by</i>
Charlottesville	Eikenah M. Crysler...	Reeve	John Machon
do.	Joseph McCall	Deputy Reeve...	do
Houghton	Thomas Chamberlin..	Reeve	Wm. Freeland
Middleton	John Ostrander	Reeve	John C. H. Herron
do.	James Cowan	Deputy Reeve...	do
Town of Simcoe	Dr. J. Wilson	Reeve	W. W. Livingstone
do.	Wm. Wilson	Deputy Reeve...	do
Townsend	Henry J. Barber	Reeve	Lyman N. Colver
do.	Levi Lewis	Deputy Reeve...	do
do.	Isaac G. Wyckoff....	do	do
Walsingham ..	Henry A. Allan	Reeve	John Phelan
do.	Nathan Mansell	Deputy Reeve...	do
do.	George W. Newman..	Deputy Reeve...	do
Windham	Charles Robinson....	Reeve	Robert Green
do.	John Jull	Deputy Reeve...	do
do.	R. M. Wilson	Deputy Reeve...	do
Woodhouse....	Lancelot Routh	Reeve	Thos. M. England
do.	Daniel B. Palmerton..	Deputy Reeve...	do

Having found them correct the next step in order was the election of Warden.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Allan,
Ordered,

That Dr. John Wilson, Reeve of the Town of Simcoe, be and he is hereby elected Warden of the Council of the County of Norfolk for the current year.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,
Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn for a half an hour ;

And the Council adjourned for the purpose of the Warden making his declaration of office, which was done before His Honor Thomas B. McMahon, Esq., Judge of the County Court.

The roll having been called, all the members being present except Mr. Ostrander ;

The Warden, on assuming the chair, addressed the Council, thanking them for the honor they had conferred upon him, in a few well-chosen words.

The Clerk read the Warden's declaration of office.

The minutes of the December session were read and confirmed.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Barber,
Ordered,

That the Sessional Committees for the current year shall be as follows, viz :

ON FINANCE.

Messrs. The Warden, Routh, Chamberlin, Robertson, Barber, Allan, Crysler, Ostrander, Newman, Jull and Wyckoff.

ON EDUCATION.

Messrs. The Warden, Robertson, Cowan, Wm. Wilson, Crysler and Allan.

ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Messrs. McCall, Mansell, Wyckoff, Wm. Wilson, Jull, Lewis, Palmerton and R. M. Wilson.

ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Messrs. Cowan, Lewis, Routh and Chamberlin.

ON THE POOR HOUSE AND INDUSTRIAL FARM.

Messrs. McCall, Palmerton, Newman, R. M. Wilson, Mansell and Barber.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,
Ordered,

That Messrs. The Warden, Robertson and Barber be a committee to enquire as to the sufficiency of the sub-Treasurer's bonds given to this Corporation, as such sub-Treasurer; also the security given by the County sub-Treasurers of school money, and report to this Council.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Robertson,
Ordered,

That the Report of the Inspector of the Poor House, together with the various applications for the office of Master and Matron of the same, be referred to the committee of the whole Council, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Mansell,
Ordered,

That William Sharpe and William Finlay, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors for the current year, the former being the nominee of the Warden.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,
Ordered,

That the communication from the Department of Immigration be referred to the committee on Finance, with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

No. 8. Mr. Robertson gives notice that he will introduce a bill to memorialize the Government of Ontario to pay to the Towns of Simcoe and Woodstock, and the Townships of Windham, Woodhouse, North and South Norwich, the sums apportioned to them out of the Clergy Reserve Fund, and withheld from these Municipalities from the year 1858, to the year 1873.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Chamberlin, seconded by Mr. McCall,
Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn, to meet again to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

WEDNESDAY, the 26th day of January, 1876, second day of the first regular session of the twenty-seventh County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz.: Messrs. The Warden, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis, Robertson, Jull, R. M. Wilson, Wm. Wilson, Chamberlin, McCall, Routh, Palmer-ton, Allan, Mansell, Newman and Cowan.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Warden read some communications which were laid on the table.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,

Ordered,

That the Council do now go into into committee of the whole, upon the report of Inspector of the Poor House.

And the Council went into Committee; rose to report; the roll was called—all present except Messrs. Ostrander and Cowan.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. R. M. Wilson,

Ordered,

That the report of the County Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance with power to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Barber brought up the first report of the Committee on Finance on Immigration.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Routh,

Ordered,

That the report now read, be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz.:

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Department of Immigration, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and are of the opinion that a small number of farm laborers and female domestic servants, would find employment in this county, at an average rate of wages of \$12.00 per month, with board, for men, and \$4.00 for females; and would recommend that the clerk be instructed to fill up and forward the blank accompanying the said communication, as follows: For married, 20, for single, 30, at the rate of \$12 per month, and for female domestic servants 100, at a rate of \$4.00 per month, and that they be directed to Toronto by Grand

Trunk, thence to Hamilton by Great Western, and Hamilton & Lake Erie Railways to Simcoe.

All of which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman.
L. ROUTH,
I. G. WYCKOFF,
GEORGE W. NEWMAN,
H. W. ALLAN,
JOHN JULL.

Committee Room, 26th January, 1876.

Mr. Barber brought up the first report of the committee of the whole on the report of the Inspector of the Poor House.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Allan,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

"Your committee would recommend that the said report be adopted and that the Warden, the Inspector of the Poor House, and the Medical Superintendent be appointed a committee to select a Master and Matron ; and that they be likewise empowered to purchase a team and implements for the Farm if required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman

Committee Room, 26th January, 1876.

Mr. Barber brought up the report of the Special Committee appointed to examine the bonds of Sub-Treasurer.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Lewis,
Ordered,

That the said report be adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

"Your Committee, to whom the above order was referred, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the bonds of the County Treasurer, and also those of the sub-Treasurers of School Moneys, and are perfectly satisfied with the validity of all, with the exception of the bond of the sub-Treasurer of Middleton ; in this case there is only one surety instead of at last two as provided by the Statute. We therefore recommend that the sub-Treasurer of Middleton be notified that he must

furnish a new bond with two sureties and that the other bonds be filed with this report in the Clerk's office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman,
CHARLES ROBERTSON,
JOHN WILSON.

Committee Room, 26th January, 1876.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Jull,
Ordered,

That the Warden and L. H. Hunt, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors for accounts of Criminal Justice for this county for the current year.

No. 7. On motion of Mr. Routh, seconded by Mr. Palmerton,
Ordered,

That Thos. L. Gillies and Lawrence Skey, Esquires, be appointed Trustees of the High School at Port Dover for the current term; and that R. Richardson and H. M. Barrett, Esquires be appointed Trustees of High School at Port Rowan, and J. H. Ansley, Esq., for the Simcoe High School for the current term.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Allan,
Ordered,

That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

THURSDAY, 27th day of January, 1876, third day of the first regular session of the twenty-seventh County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

The Warden in the chair.

The roll was called and the following members answered to their names, viz.: Messrs. The Warden, Barber, Wyckoff, Lewis, Robertson, Jull, K. M. Wilson, Wm. Wilson, Chamberlin, Crysler, McCall, Routh, Palmerton, Allan, Mansell, Newman and Cowan.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Warden read telegrams and communications which were laid on the table.

Mr. Barber brought up the second report of the Committee on Finance on the County Treasurer's report.

No. 1. On motion of Mr. Chamberlin, seconded by Mr. McCall,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

"Your committee to whom the above order was referred, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find a deficiency amounting to \$1448.14 due the Treasurer, which deficiency should not appear at this time of the year; your committee would therefore recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to urge the immediate payment of the various amounts now due by the minor Municipalities.

"And that the Treasurer's report be filed in the Clerk's office for future reference.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. BARBER, Chairman,
L. ROUTH,
THOMAS CHAMBERLIN,
GEORGE W. NEWMAN,
E. M. CRYSLER,
CHARLES ROBERTSON,
H. W. ALLAN.

Committee Room, 27th January, 1876.

Mr. Newman brought up the report of the Poor House Committee.

No. 2. On motion of Mr. Palmerton, seconded by Mr. McCall,
Ordered,

That the said report be received and adopted.

The report read and adopted is as follows, viz. :

"Your Committee beg leave to report that they have visited the Poor House and Industrial Farm, and find the house and beds, &c., therein in satisfactory state; the inmates comfortable and well-provided for."

All of which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. NEWMAN, Chairman,
D. B. PALMERTON,
JOSEPH MCCALL,
NATHAN MANSELL,
R. M. WILSON.

Committee Room, 27th January, 1876.

No. 3. On motion of Mr. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Lewis,
Ordered,

That leave be granted to introduce a memorial, in accordance with the notice given on Tuesday last,

And the Memorial was read a first time.

No. 4. On motion of Mr. Routh, seconded by Mr. Newman,
Ordered,

That the said Memorial be read a second time forthwith.

And it was accordingly read a second time.

No. 5. On motion of Mr. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. K. M. Wilson,
Ordered,

That the Memorial be engrossed and read a third time.

And it was engrossed and read a third time.

No. 6. On motion of Mr. Palmerton, seconded by Mr. Jull,
Ordered,

That the said Memorial do now finally pass, and the Warden is hereby required to sign the said Memorial, on behalf of this Council, and forward the same to the member for North Norfolk, for presentation.

The Memorial passed is as follows, viz. :

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Parliament assembled.

The Memorial of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Norfolk, in Council assembled,

HUMBLY SHEWETH—

That an Act was passed on the 29th March, 1873, entitled "An Act respecting the Municipal Loan Fund Debts and respecting certain payments to Municipalities."

In the Report of the Committee of your Honorable House, 26th March, 1873, among other things it was resolved :

"That where injurious legislation affecting the securities and position of a Municipality indebted to the Municipal Loan Fund has taken place without the knowledge or concurrence of the Municipality or against its active opposition and in the interest or supposed interest of the public or of other parties and has resulted either in no railway being built, or in the building of a railway which has not advanced the local interests of the indebted Municipality, it is expedient, in view of such injurious legislature to cancel the balance still due by any such Municipality to the Municipal Loan Fund after making the allowances herein before provided for."

Acting on this report, your Honorable House passed the above named Act, and the first section of the same enacts "That the balances due to the Municipal Loan Fund by the Municipalities named in 'Schedule A,' are hereby cancelled."

In the year 1859, an Act was passed, 22 Vic., Cap. 48, Sec. 20, which deprived the above named Municipalities from receiving their share of the Clergy Reserve Fund in consequence of the injurious legislation referred to in the Report of your Honorable House.

Your memorialists would therefore pray that your Honorable House will take up the matter and give the same a favorable consideration and redress the wrong complained of by paying over to the Municipalities named in Schedule A, of the before mentioned Act, their respective shares in the distribution of the Clergy Reserve Fund from 1859 to 1873.

And as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray.

Passed in open Council on Thursday, the 27th January, 1876.

JOHN WILSON,

Warden.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,

County Clerk,

County of Norfolk.



No. 7. On motion of Mr. Wm. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Routh,
Ordered,

That the Warden, on behalf of this Council do memorialize the Local Government to allow license fees for the sale of liquors to be paid over to the local Municipalities.

No. 8. On motion of Mr. R. M. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Palmerton,
Ordered,

That Messrs. The Warden, Wyckoff and Crysler be a committee to advertise for, and receive tenders and enter into a contract for the printing for the current year.

No. 9. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. McCall,
Ordered,

That 300 copies of the detailed statement of the Treasurer's accounts be published in pamphlet form for distribution.

No. 10. On motion of Mr. Palmerton, seconded by Mr. Routh,
Ordered,

That the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to issue his check

on the County Treasurer in favor of the following parties on account of expenses incurred for account of charity, chargeable to the county, viz. :

Woodhouse, for Sarah Davidson, indigent	\$10 00
Windham, for William Evans, indigent.....	16 00
Simcoe, Dr. J. M. Salmon, for consultation at Poor House	10 00
Simcoe, Wm. McCullough, for care of John McCul- lough, indigent	18 00

No. 11. On motion of Mr. Allan, seconded by Mr. Mansell,
Ordered,

That a By-Law for appointing County Auditors and defining their duties be now read a first time, and that the 24th rule of this Council be suspended.

And the Bill was read a first time.

No. 12. On motion of Mr. Mansell, seconded by Mr. Wyckoff,
Ordered,

That the said Bill be read a second time forthwith.

And the bill was accordingly read a second time.

No. 13. On motion of Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Mansell,
Ordered,

That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time.

And the Bill was engrossed and read a third time.

No. 14. On motion of Mr. Wyckoff, seconded by Mr. Mansel,
Ordered,

That the said Bill do now pass and become a By-Law of this County, and be intituled as in the caption thereof.

And the By Law was passed and is as follows, viz. :

BY-LAW No. 196.

TO APPOINT COUNTY AUDITORS.

Passed 27th January, A.D. 1876.

Whereas it is expedient and necessary under the Municipal Institutions' Act of the Province of Ontario, 36 Vic., Cap. 48, Section 209 to appoint annually County Auditors and define the duties of the said Auditors.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the County of Norfolk, in Council assembled, that William Finlay and William Sharpe, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Auditors for the current year, to audit the accounts of this corporation.

Passed in open Council, on Thursday, the 27th day of January
A. D. 1876.

JOHN WILSON,
Warden.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk,
County of Norfolk.



No. 15. On motion of Mr. Jull, seconded by Mr. R. M. Wilson,
Ordered,

That the report of the Auditors be received and adopted, and that
the Warden be and he is hereby authorized to draw his check on the
County Treasurer in favor of the claimants for the different amounts
allowed.

No. 16. On motion of Mr. Crysler, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain,
Ordered,

That the Council do now adjourn to meet again on the second
Tuesday in June next.

And the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest,

JAMES ERMATINGER,
County Clerk, County of Norfolk.

